

SOMETIMES IT'S HARD NOT TO DRINK  
WHEN YOUR FRIENDS ARE ALL DRINKING  
— BUT NOT DRINKING ALCOHOL IS  
**YOUR CHOICE.**

GOOD FRIENDS WILL RESPECT YOUR CHOICE.  
NEED TO GIVE THEM A REASON?

**TRY:**

I'M DRIVING.

I HAVE TO WORK IN THE MORNING.

I WAS JUST ON MY WAY OUT.

I HAVE A GAME/MEET TOMORROW.

MY PARENTS ARE WAITING UP FOR ME.

**NO THANKS.**

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**WHERE'S  
THE  
PARTY?**



# UNDERAGE DRINKING LAWS

Even if you are under 18,  
you can be held liable and face charges.

If you are convicted of an alcohol-related offense:

Your driver's license may be cancelled

You may lose college scholarships

You may be disqualified from applying  
for federal student loans

Your parents may be financially and legally  
responsible for your behavior

## DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE (DUI) OR ACTUAL PHYSICAL CONTROL (APC)

If you are under 18, any alcohol related offense will result in referral to Juvenile Court. If you are charged with **DUI** or **APC** of a motor vehicle, here's what you can expect for even a first offense:

- **If you are under age 18** your driver's license will be cancelled. You will be required to pay court fees, fines, attend a driver's safety program and alcohol evaluation. You may be put on probation for up to 1 year, have a court-ordered curfew, and have community service.
- **If you are age 16-18** the case could be transferred to adult court and be subject to the same criminal penalties as adults.
- **If you are age 18-20** and have a Blood Alcohol Content (BAC) of .02 or greater (zero tolerance) your driver's license will be suspended for 91 days and 1st offense DUI/APC is a B-Misdemeanor, with a maximum penalty of 30 days in jail, a fine of \$1,000, or both.

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FACTS

## ALCOHOL OFFENSES

Everyone knows it's illegal to buy or drink alcohol if you are under 21. But, did you know that even if you are under 18, you can be arrested for:

- **Attempting** to purchase alcohol;
- **Purchasing** alcohol;
- **Providing** alcohol to someone under 21;
- **Using** a fake ID to purchase alcohol.

Generally, these offenses are handled through juvenile court, where you may be required to pay for and attend alcohol educational classes, ordered to do community service, or have a court-ordered curfew.

If you are 16 or older, your case may be transferred to adult court where you can be fined and jailed.

